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1. In directives to the SED press Walter Ulbricht has indicated that the SED will be included in the Belgrade Information Bureau of the Communist parties. The position of the SED is different from that of the Communist Party in a free country such as France; under the Russian occupation the SED receives its orders direct from Moscow. The SED is, however, the leader in the political and economic development of eastern Germany and the representative of Germany in dealings with the countries of eastern Europe.
2. Ulbricht interpreted the Warsaw announcement as the signal for a return of the Communist parties of Europe to their old tactics. This would mean the end of the coalition type of government and a split with the Socialists. In Germany the KPD will redouble its battle with the "treasonous" SPD. In preparation for this struggle Ulbricht announced that the SED must indoctrinate its cadre completely and ruthlessly eliminate all wavering and unsuitable elements.
3. Otto Grotewohl points out the importance of present developments in Italy and France. He claims that the Communists control the trade unions in Italy but that the time is not yet ripe for a general strike against the government. A strike now with casualties among United States occupation forces would furnish the U.S.A. welcome reasons for keeping its troops in Italy. In France the reactions of the de Gaulle forces to the Warsaw announcement merit special attention. If the Communist party in France devotes all its efforts to fighting the Socialists, the reactionary forces centered around de Gaulle will profit just as the NSDAP in 1932 profited from strife between the SPD and KPD.

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